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Report Cites Dangers of Arms Race  
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More than \$1 million a minute is being spent worldwide on the military, with nuclear stockpiles exceeding 50,000 weapons, according to a study by a coalition of arms control groups.

The study, "World Military and Social Expenditures, 1982," charges that nuclear and conventional arms races have wasted resources without enhancing international security.

International nuclear stockpiles have mushroomed to represent the equivalent of 3.5 tons of TNT for every person on earth, more than 1 million times the explosive power of the Hiroshima bomb, the study said.

"Under its heavy military burden, the global economy has suffered," writes the author of the study, Ruth Leger Sivard. "The diversion of resources from civilian needs is a silent killer, curbing productivity and development, and adding more millions to the hundreds of millions of people who lack the most basic necessities of life."

Ms. Sivard is director of a non-profit research organization named World Priorities. She was formerly chief of the economics division of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

The report, using information supplied by the Pentagon, the CIA, United Nations organizations and several international publications, claims that:

World military costs have risen to \$600 billion a year - well over \$1 million a minute.

The world's nuclear weapon stockpile is equivalent to 16 billion tons of TNT. In World War II, 3 million tons of munitions were expended, and 40 million to 50 million people died.

Spending per soldier averages \$19,300 worldwide but only \$380 is spent per school age child for education.

For every 100,000 people, there are 556 soldiers and 85 physicians. An estimated 100 million people worldwide are engaged directly or indirectly in military activities.

In 32 countries, governments spend more for military purposes than for education and health care combined.

Nuclear missiles can go from Western Europe to Moscow in six minutes but the average rural housewife in Africa must walk several hours a day for the family's water supply.

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